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in a substantial sum was taken at one of the sessions of the day, for the re-establishment of the Doeveren church in the Netherlands, the Scholte church, which was completely destroyed during World War II.

This is the same church at Utrecht, from which, in 1907, the Misses Sarah and Hannah Nollen, of Des Moines, obtained the pulpit from which their grandfather had preached before coming to America, and brought to the Iowa Historical department on loan, until provision was recently made for its installation in the new museum at Central college at Pella.

PETERSON HEADS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The board of curators of the State Historical society at Iowa City, at their mid-summer meeting, elected Dr. William J. Peterson superintendent of the society. He had served for the past seventeen years as a research associate, and now succeeds Miss Ethyl Martin as superintendent. As a writer of ability his articles have appeared in the *Palimpsest*, the *Iowa Journal of History and Politics* and other publications of the society, also teaching Iowa history in the State University of Iowa. Dr. Peterson has lectured extensively throughout Iowa to schools, clubs, patriotic, religious and professional organizations and historical societies. The new superintendent was born at Dubuque, where he graduated from Dubuque high school and the University of Dubuque. He received his doctor's degree in history from the State University in 1930.

DEATH CLAIMS DONOR OF WAR POSTERS

The death of William P. Kerwin, president of Kerwin's Inc., at Waterloo, occurred September 7, 1947, from the effects of a stroke suffered the previous Friday. For 58 years he has been in the clothing business, first with his father and later became president of the company which has stores in Oelwein, Waverly and Cedar Falls.

In World War I he served overseas with the Eighty-eighth U. S. division as a Knights of Columbus divisional

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